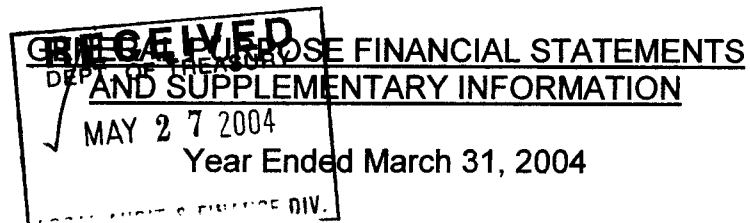


TOWNSHIP OF BRONSON
Branch County, Michigan



AUDITING PROCEDURES REPORT

Issue under P.A. 2 of 1968, as amended. Filing is mandatory.

Local Government Type <input type="checkbox"/> City <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Township <input type="checkbox"/> Village <input type="checkbox"/> Other		Local Government Name Township of Bronson	County Branch
Audit Date March 31, 2004	Opinion Date April 28, 2004	Date Accountant Report Submitted to State: April 28, 2004	

We have audited the financial statements of this local unit of government and rendered an opinion on financial statements prepared in accordance with the Statements of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) and the *Uniform Reporting Format for Financial Statements for Counties and Local Units of Government in Michigan* by the Michigan Department of Treasury.

We affirm that:

1. We have complied with the *Bulletin for the Audits of Local Units of Government in Michigan* as revised.
2. We are certified public accountants registered to practice in Michigan.

We further affirm the following. "Yes" responses have been disclosed in the financial statements, including the notes, or in the report of comments and recommendations

You must check the applicable box for each item below.

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|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no | 1. Certain component units/funds/agencies of the local unit are excluded from the financial statements. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no | 2. There are accumulated deficits in one or more of this unit's unreserved fund balances/retained earnings (P.A. 275 of 1980). |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no | 3. There are instances of non-compliance with the Uniform Accounting and Budgeting Act (P.A. 2 of 1968, as amended). |
| <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no | 4. The local unit has violated the conditions of either an order issued under the Municipal Finance Act or its requirements, or an order issued under the Emergency Municipal Loan Act. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no | 5. The local unit holds deposits/investments which do not comply with statutory requirements. (P.A. 20 of 1943, as amended [MCL 129.91], or P.A. 55 of 1982, as amended [MCL 38.1132]). |
| <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no | 6. The local unit has been delinquent distributing tax revenues that were collected for another taxing unit. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no | 7. The local unit has violated the Constitutional requirement (Article 9, Section 24) to fund current year earned pension benefits (normal costs) in the current year. If the plan is more than 100% funded and the overfunding credits are more than the normal cost requirement, no contributions are due (paid during they year). |
| <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no | 8. The local unit uses credit cards and has not adopted an applicable policy as required by P.A. 266 of 1995 (MCL 129.241). |
| <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no | 9. The local unit has not adopted an investment policy as required by P.A. 196 of 1997 (MCL 129.95). |

We have enclosed the following:	Enclosed	To Be Forwarded	Not Required
The letter of comments and recommendations.	X		
Reports on individual federal financial assistance programs (program audits).			X
Single Audit Reports (ASLGU).			X

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TOWNSHIP OF BRONSON
Branch County, Michigan

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

April 28, 2004

To the Township Board
Township of Bronson
Branch County, Michigan

We have audited the accompanying general purpose financial statements of the Township of Bronson, Branch County, Michigan, as of March 31, 2004, and for the year then ended, as listed in the table of contents. These general purpose financial statements are the responsibility of the Township of Bronson's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these general purpose financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the general purpose financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the general purpose financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall general purpose financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the general purpose financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Township of Bronson, Branch County, Michigan, as of March 31, 2004, and the results of its operations for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the general purpose financial statements taken as a whole. The supplementary information listed in the table of contents is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the general purpose financial statements of the Township of Bronson, Branch County, Michigan. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the general purpose financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly presented in all material respects in relation to the general purpose financial statements taken as a whole.

Campbell, Kusterer & Co., P.C.

CAMPBELL, KUSTERER & CO., P.C.
Certified Public Accountants

TOWNSHIP OF BRONSON
Branch County, Michigan

COMBINED BALANCE SHEET – ALL FUND TYPES AND ACCOUNT GROUPS

March 31, 2004

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	<u>Governmental Fund Type</u>	<u>Fiduciary Fund Type</u>	<u>Account Group</u>	<u>Total</u>
	<u>General</u>	<u>Agency</u>	<u>General Fixed Assets</u>	<u>(Memorandum Only)</u>
<u>Assets</u>				
Cash in bank	382 263 93	16 80	-	382 280 73
Taxes receivable	2 525 45	-	-	2 525 45
Due from other funds	16 80	-	-	16 80
Equipment	-	-	36 577 55	36 577 55
Total Assets	<u>384 806 18</u>	<u>16 80</u>	<u>36 577 55</u>	<u>421 400 53</u>
<u>Liabilities and Fund Equity</u>				
Liabilities:				
Due to other funds	-	16 80	-	16 80
Total liabilities	<u>-</u>	<u>16 80</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>16 80</u>
Fund equity:				
Investment in general fixed assets	-	-	36 577 55	36 577 55
Fund balances:				
Unreserved:				
Undesignated	384 806 18	-	-	384 806 18
Total fund equity	<u>384 806 18</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>36 577 55</u>	<u>421 383 73</u>
Total Liabilities and Fund Equity	<u>384 806 18</u>	<u>16 80</u>	<u>36 577 55</u>	<u>421 400 53</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

TOWNSHIP OF BRONSON
Branch County, Michigan

COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES
IN FUND BALANCES – ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES

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Year Ended March 31, 2004

	Total (Memorandum Only) <u>General Fund</u>
Revenues:	
Property taxes	25 498 88
Licenses and permits	1 834 78
State revenue sharing	94 857 00
Charges for services:	
Property tax administration	7 134 71
Interest	4 799 48
Special assessments	815 04
Miscellaneous	2 424 50
Total revenues	<u>137 364 39</u>
Expenditures:	
Legislative:	
Township Board	13 430 60
General government:	
Supervisor	7 037 00
Assessor	8 408 00
Clerk	7 387 44
Board of Review	765 00
Treasurer	11 392 69
Building and grounds	4 636 00
Cemetery	10 540 00
Public safety:	
Fire protection	51 945 98
Public works:	
Street lighting	758 45
Highways and streets	24 564 43
Drains at large	3 049 22
Culture and recreation:	
Library	1 774 87
Total expenditures	<u>145 689 68</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	(8 325 29)
Fund balance, April 1	<u>393 131 47</u>
Fund Balance, March 31	<u><u>384 806 18</u></u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

TOWNSHIP OF BRONSON
Branch County, Michigan

COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES
IN FUND BALANCES – BUDGET AND ACTUAL – GENERAL FUND

Year Ended March 31, 2004

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	General Fund		
	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Over (Under) Budget</u>
Revenues:			
Property taxes	26 000 00	25 498 88	(501 12)
Licenses and permits	1 600 00	1 834 78	234 78
State revenue sharing	100 000 00	94 857 00	(5 143 00)
Charges for services:			
Property tax administration	7 700 00	7 134 71	(565 29)
Interest	7 600 00	4 799 48	(2 800 52)
Special assessments	850 00	815 04	(34 96)
Miscellaneous	<u>4 650 00</u>	<u>2 424 50</u>	<u>(2 225 50)</u>
Total revenues	<u>148 400 00</u>	<u>137 364 39</u>	<u>(11 035 61)</u>
Expenditures:			
Legislative:			
Township Board	15 450 00	13 430 60	(2 019 40)
General government:			
Supervisor	7 300 00	7 037 00	(263 00)
Elections	1 000 00	-	(1 000 00)
Assessor	8 700 00	8 408 00	(292 00)
Clerk	7 600 00	7 387 44	(212 56)
Board of Review	900 00	765 00	(135 00)
Treasurer	11 100 00	11 392 69	292 69
Building and grounds	5 400 00	4 636 00	(764 00)
Cemetery	7 800 00	10 540 00	2 740 00
Public safety:			
Fire protection	51 600 00	51 945 98	345 98
Public works:			
Street lighting	850 00	758 45	(91 55)
Highways and streets	25 200 00	24 564 43	(635 57)
Drains at large	3 700 00	3 049 22	(650 78)
Culture and recreation:			
Library	<u>1 800 00</u>	<u>1 774 87</u>	<u>(25 13)</u>
Total expenditures	<u>148 400 00</u>	<u>145 689 68</u>	<u>(2 710 32)</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	-	(8 325 29)	(8 325 29)

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

TOWNSHIP OF BRONSON
Branch County, Michigan

COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES
IN FUND BALANCES – BUDGET AND ACTUAL – GENERAL FUND

Year Ended March 31, 2004

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	<u>General Fund</u>		
	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Over (Under) Budget</u>
Fund balance, April 1	<u>-</u>	<u>393 131 47</u>	<u>393 131 47</u>
Fund Balance, March 31	<u>-</u>	<u>384 806 18</u>	<u>384 806 18</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

TOWNSHIP OF BRONSON
Branch County, Michigan

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

March 31, 2004

Note 1 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The accounting policies of the Township of Bronson, Branch County, Michigan, conform to generally accepted accounting principles as applicable to governmental units.

Reporting Entity

In accordance with the provisions of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board's Statement No. 14 "The Financial Reporting Entity," the general purpose financial statements of the Township contain all the Township funds and account groups that are controlled by or dependent on the Township's executive or legislative branches.

The reporting entity is the Township of Bronson. The Township is governed by an elected Township Board. As required by generally accepted accounting principles, these financial statements present the Township as the primary government.

Basis of Presentation

The financial activities of the local unit are recorded in separate funds and account groups, categorized and described as follows:

Governmental Fund

General Fund

This fund is used to account for all financial transactions not accounted for in another fund, including the general operating expenditures of the local unit. Revenues are derived primarily from property taxes, state and federal distributions, grants, and other intergovernmental revenues.

Fiduciary Fund

The Current Tax Collection Fund is used to account for assets held as an agent for others.

Account Group

General Fixed Assets Account Group

This account group presents the fixed assets of the local unit utilized in its general operations.

TOWNSHIP OF BRONSON
Branch County, Michigan

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

March 31, 2004

Note 1 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

Measurement Focus/Basis of Accounting

The accounting and financial reporting treatment applied to a fund is determined by its measurement focus. All governmental fund types are accounted for using a current financial resources measurement focus. With this measurement focus, only current assets and current liabilities generally are included on the balance sheet. Operating statements of these funds present revenues and other financing sources and, expenditures and other financial uses in net current assets.

The modified accrual basis of accounting is followed by the governmental fund types. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recorded when susceptible to accrual which is both measurable and available. Available means collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current period. Expenditures, other than principal and interest on long-term debt, are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred, if measurable. Principal and interest on general long-term debt is recognized when due.

Revenues from local sources consist primarily of property taxes. Property taxes and revenues received from the State are recognized when susceptible to accrual. Miscellaneous revenues are recorded as revenue when received in cash because they are generally not measurable until actually received. Investment earnings are recorded as earned since they are measurable and available.

Property Taxes

Property taxes are accrued in the year in which they are levied. The tax levy is recorded as deferred revenue until the subsequent year when it becomes available for use.

Properties are assessed as of December 31 and the related property taxes become a lien on December 1 of the following year. These taxes are due on February 14 with the final collection date of February 28 before they are added to the County delinquent tax rolls. The Township 2003 tax roll millage rate was .4538 mills and the taxable value was \$27,985,101.00.

TOWNSHIP OF BRONSON
Branch County, Michigan

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
March 31, 2004

Note 1 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

Fixed Assets and Depreciation

Purchases of general fixed assets for all funds are recorded as expenditures in the respective funds at the time of purchase. Such assets are capitalized at cost in the general fixed assets group of accounts except for certain improvements other than buildings, including roads, bridges, curbs and gutters, streets and sidewalks, drainage systems, and lighting systems. Gifts or contributions are recorded in general fixed assets at fair market value at the time received. No depreciation has been provided on these general fixed assets.

Investments

Investments are stated at market.

Receivables

Receivables have been recognized for all significant amounts due to the Township. Allowances for uncollectible accounts have not been provided for in that collection is not considered doubtful and any uncollected amount would be immaterial.

Inventories

Inventories of supplies are considered to be immaterial and are not recorded.

Compensated Absences (Vacation and Sick Leave)

Township employees are not allowed to accumulate vacation and sick pay and therefore no accumulated amount is recorded in the financial statements.

Budgets and Budgetary Accounting

The following procedures are followed in establishing the budgetary data reflected in these general purpose financial statements:

1. Prior to the beginning of the fiscal year, the proposed budget for each budgetary fund is submitted to the Township Board for consideration.
2. The proposed budgets include expenditures as well as the methods of financing them.

TOWNSHIP OF BRONSON
Branch County, Michigan

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

March 31, 2004

Note 1 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

Budgets and Budgetary Accounting (continued)

3. Public hearings are held to obtain taxpayer comments.
4. The budgets are adopted at the activity level by a majority vote of the Township Board.
5. The budgets are adopted on the modified accrual basis of accounting.
6. The originally adopted budgets can be amended during the year only by a majority vote of the Township Board.
7. The adopted budgets are used as a management control device during the year for all budgetary funds.
8. Budget appropriations lapse at the end of each fiscal year.
9. The budgeted amounts shown in these general purpose financial statements are the originally adopted budgets with all amendments that were approved by the Township Board during the fiscal year.

Encumbrances

Encumbrances involving the current recognition of purchase orders, contracts and other commitments for future expenditures are not recorded.

Postemployment Benefits

The Township provides no postemployment benefits to past employees.

Note 2 – Deposits and Investments

Michigan Compiled Laws, Section 129.91, authorizes the Township to deposit and invest in the accounts of federally insured banks, credit unions, and savings and loan associations; bonds, securities and other direct obligations of the United States, or any agency or instrumentality of the United States; United States government or federal agency obligation repurchase agreements; banker's acceptance of United States banks; commercial paper rated within the two highest classifications, which mature not more than 270 days after the date purchase; obligations of the State of Michigan or its political subdivisions which are rated as investment grade; and mutual funds composed of investment vehicles which are legal for direct investment by local units of

TOWNSHIP OF BRONSON
Branch County, Michigan

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

March 31, 2004

Note 2 – Deposits and Investments (continued)

government in Michigan. Financial institutions eligible for deposit of public funds must maintain an office in Michigan.

The Township Board has designated one bank for the deposit of Township funds. The investment policy adopted by the board in accordance with Public Act 196 of 1997 has authorized investment in all investments authorized by state law as listed above. The Township's deposits and investments are in accordance with statutory authority.

The Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 3, risk disclosures for the cash deposits are as follows:

	<u>Carrying Amounts</u>
Total Deposits	<u>382 280 73</u>

Amounts in the bank balances are without considering deposits in transit or uncleared checks.

	<u>Bank Balances</u>
Insured (FDIC)	100 000 00
Uninsured and Uncollateralized	<u>283 702 00</u>
Total Deposits	<u>383 702 00</u>

The Township of Bronson did not have any investments as of March 31, 2004.

Note 3 – Interfund Receivables and Payables

The amounts of interfund receivables and payables are as follows:

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Interfund Receivable</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Interfund Payable</u>
General	<u>16 80</u>	Current Tax Collection	<u>16 80</u>
Total	<u>16 80</u>	Total	<u>16 80</u>

TOWNSHIP OF BRONSON
Branch County, Michigan

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

March 31, 2004

Note 4 – Budget Variances

Public Act 621 of 1978 requires that a municipality shall not incur expenditures in excess of the amount appropriated. The approved budget of the Township for the General Fund was adopted on an activity level, and amended periodically by the Township Board. During the year ended March 31, 2004, the Township incurred expenditures in certain activities which were in excess of the amounts appropriated.

<u>Fund/Activity</u>	<u>Total Budget</u>	<u>Total Expenditures</u>	<u>Budget Variance</u>
General Fund:			
Treasurer	11 100 00	11 392 69	292 69
Cemetery	7 800 00	10 540 00	2 740 00
Fire protection	51 600 00	51 945 98	345 98

Note 5 – Fixed Assets

A summary of changes in general fixed assets follows:

	<u>Balance 4/1/03</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deletions</u>	<u>Balance 3/31/04</u>
Equipment	<u>36 577 55</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>36 577 55</u>

Note 6 – Deferred Compensation Plan

The Township does not have a deferred compensation plan.

Note 7 – Pension Plan

The Township has a defined contribution pension plan for which all Township Board members are eligible. The Township contributes a percentage of each board member's wages to the plan. Pension expense for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2004, was \$8,700.96.

Note 8 – Risk Management

The Township is exposed to various risks of loss related to property loss, torts, errors, omissions, and employee injuries (workers' compensation). The Township has purchased commercial insurance for property loss, torts, and workers' compensation claims. Settled claims relating to the commercial insurance have not exceeded the amount of insurance coverage in any of the past three fiscal years.

TOWNSHIP OF BRONSON
Branch County, Michigan

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
March 31, 2004

Note 9 – Building Permits

The Township of Bronson does not issue building permits. Building permits are issued by the County of Branch.

Note 10– Total Columns on Combined Statements--Overview

The total columns on the combined financial statements are captioned "Memorandum Only" to indicate that they are presented only to facilitate financial analysis. Data in these columns do not present financial position, results of operations, or changes in financial position in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. Neither is such data comparable to a consolidation, because interfund eliminations have not been made in the aggregation of this data.

TOWNSHIP OF BRONSON
Branch County, Michigan

GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES BY DETAILED ACCOUNT
Year Ended March 31, 2004

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Township Board:

Wages	1 400 00
County services	1 586 09
Printing and publishing	40 00
Memberships and dues	599 93
Bank charges	12 72
Pension	8 700 96
Workman's compensation	464 00
Medicare	126 90
Miscellaneous	500 00
	<u>13 430 60</u>

Supervisor:

Wages	7 000 00
Office supplies	37 00
	<u>7 037 00</u>

Assessor:

Wages	8 000 00
Miscellaneous	408 00
	<u>8 408 00</u>

Clerk:

Wages	7 000 00
Office supplies	387 44
	<u>7 387 44</u>

Board of Review:

Wages	675 00
Printing and publishing	90 00
	<u>765 00</u>

Treasurer:

Wages	7 000 00
Wages – summer tax	3 500 00
Office supplies	892 69
	<u>11 392 69</u>

Building and grounds:

Insurance	4 586 00
Repairs and maintenance	50 00
	<u>4 636 00</u>

Cemetery:

Maintenance	<u>10 540 00</u>
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TOWNSHIP OF BRONSON
Branch County, Michigan

GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES BY DETAILED ACCOUNT
Year Ended March 31, 2004

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Fire protection: Contracted services	<u>51 945 98</u>
Street lighting	<u>758 45</u>
Highways and streets	<u>24 564 43</u>
Drains at large	<u>3 049 22</u>
Library	<u>1 774 87</u>
Total Expenditures	<u><u>145 689 68</u></u>

TOWNSHIP OF BRONSON
Branch County, Michigan

CURRENT TAX COLLECTION FUND
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
Year Ended March 31, 2004

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	<u>Balance</u> <u>4/1/03</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deductions</u>	<u>Balance</u> <u>3/31/04</u>
<u>Assets</u>				
Cash in Bank	<u>172 78</u>	<u>670 260 48</u>	<u>670 416 46</u>	<u>16 80</u>
<u>Liabilities</u>				
Due to other funds	172 78	31 021 85	31 177 83	16 80
Due to other units	<u>-</u>	<u>639 238 63</u>	<u>639 238 63</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>172 78</u>	<u>670 260 48</u>	<u>670 416 46</u>	<u>16 80</u>

TOWNSHIP OF BRONSON
Branch County, Michigan

CURRENT TAX COLLECTION FUND
STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
Year Ended March 31, 2004

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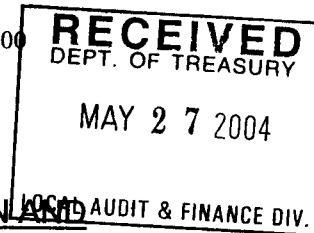
Cash in bank – beginning of year	<u>172 78</u>
Cash receipts:	
Taxes and assessments	670 161 81
Interest	<u>98 67</u>
Total cash receipts	<u>670 260 48</u>
Total beginning balance and cash receipts	<u>670 433 26</u>
Cash disbursements:	
Township General Fund	31 177 83
Branch County	563 220 09
Bronson Community Schools	73 115 34
State of Michigan	2 781 14
Refunds	<u>122 06</u>
Total cash disbursements	<u>670 416 46</u>
Cash in Bank – End of Year	<u>16 80</u>

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AUDIT COMMUNICATION AND REPORT OF COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

April 28, 2004

To the Township Board
Township of Bronson
Branch County, Michigan

We have audited the financial statements of the Township of Bronson, for the year ended March 31, 2004. As required by auditing standards generally accepted in the United States, the independent auditor is required to make several communications to the governing body having oversight responsibility for the audit. The purpose of this communication is to provide you with additional information regarding the scope and results of our audit that may assist you with your oversight responsibilities of the financial reporting process for which management is responsible.

AUDITOR'S RESPONSIBILITY UNDER AUDITING STANDARDS GENERALLY ACCEPTED IN THE UNITED STATES

We conducted our audit of the financial statements of the Township of Bronson in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States. The following paragraph explains our responsibilities under those standards.

Management has the responsibility for adopting sound accounting policies, for maintaining an adequate and effective system of accounts, for the safeguarding of assets, and for devising an internal control structure that will, among other things, help assure the proper recording of transactions. The transactions that should be reflected in the accounts and in the financial statements are matters within the direct knowledge and control of management. Our knowledge of such transactions is limited to that acquired through our audit. Accordingly, the fairness of representations made through the financial statements is an implicit and integral part of management's accounts and records. However, our responsibility for the financial statements is confined to the expression of an opinion on them. The financial statements remain the responsibility of management.

The concept of materiality is inherent in the work of an independent auditor. An auditor places greater emphasis on those items that have, on a relative basis, more importance to the financial statements and greater possibilities of material error than those items of lesser importance or those in which the possibility of material error is remote.

To the Township Board
Township of Bronson
Branch County, Michigan

For this purpose, materiality has been defined as "the magnitude of an omission or misstatement of accounting information that, in light of surrounding circumstances, makes it probable that the judgment of a reasonable person relying on the information would have been changed or influenced by the omission or misstatement."

An independent auditor's objective in an audit is to obtain sufficient competent evidential matter to provide a reasonable basis for forming an opinion on the financial statements. In doing so, the auditor must work within economic limits; the opinion, to be economically useful, must be formed within a reasonable length of time and at reasonable cost. That is why an auditor's work is based on selected tests rather than an attempt to verify all transactions. Since evidence is examined on a test basis only, an audit provides only reasonable assurance, rather than absolute assurance, that financial statements are free of material misstatement. Thus, there is a risk that audited financial statements may contain undiscovered material errors or fraud. The existence of that risk is implicit in the phrase in the audit report, "in our opinion."

In the audit process, we gain an understanding of the internal control structure of an entity for the purpose of assisting in determining the nature, timing, and extent of audit testing. Our understanding is obtained by inquiry of management, testing transactions, and observation and review of documents and records. The amount of work done is not sufficient to provide a basis for an opinion on the adequacy of the internal control structure.

SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The significant accounting policies are described in Note 1 to the financial statements.

OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

Auditing standards call for us to inform you of other significant issues such as, but not limited to, 1) Accounting estimates that are particularly sensitive because of their significance to the financial statements or because of the possibility that future events affecting them may differ markedly from management's current judgments; 2) Significant audit adjustments that may not have been detected except through the auditing procedures we performed; 3) Disagreements with management regarding the scope of the audit or application of accounting principles; 4) Consultation with other accountants; 5) Major issues discussed with management prior to retention; and 6) Difficulties encountered in performing the audit.

We have no significant issues, regarding these matters, to report to you at this time. Audit adjustments were minimal, and are available to review.

To the Township Board
Township of Bronson
Branch County, Michigan

GASB 34 IMPLEMENTATION

The Governmental Accounting Standards Board issued a new reporting model for governmental units which is to be implemented over the next few years. The implementation date of this pronouncement for the Township of Bronson will begin with the year ended March 31, 2004, and will need to be implemented fully by March 31, 2005. The daily operations and recording transactions should not change significantly, however, the Township will be required to maintain additional records for the year end adjustments to the final presentation format.

COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATION REGARDING INTERNAL CONTROLS/ COMPLIANCE/ EFFICIENCY

Our procedures disclosed the following conditions that we would like to bring to your attention:

SEGREGATION OF DUTIES

A separation of duties between persons who authorize transactions and persons who have control over the related assets does not always exist.

The least desirable accounting system is one in which an employee is responsible for executing the transaction and then recording the transaction from its origin to its ultimate posting in the General Ledger. This increases the likelihood that intentional or unintentional errors will go undetected. In most cases, adequate segregation of duties substantially increases control over errors without duplication of effort.

We understand that due to the size of needed staff, a proper segregation of duties may be impractical and the "cost to benefit" relationship may not justify the addition of accounting staff to accomplish the desired segregation.

These conditions were considered in determining the nature, timing and extent of the audit tests to be applied in our audit of the Township's financial statements and this communication of these matters does not affect our report on the Township's financial statements, dated March 31, 2004.

SUMMARY

We welcome any questions you may have regarding the foregoing comments and we would be happy to discuss any of these or other questions that you might have at your convenience.

Sincerely,

Campbell, Kusterer & Co., A.C.

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